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May 15, 2013

Bill Grunloh  
Chief Procurement Officer  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Executive Ethics Commission  
2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy  
Room 200  
Springfield, Illinois 62764

**Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Contract 72D75 from the November 19, 2012 Letting**

Dear Mr. Bill Grunloh

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received May 14, 2013 and understand the facts to be as follows:

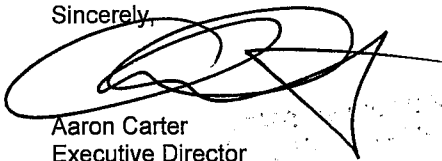
- 1) The Illinois Department of Transportation has issued a request for a review and comment on potential conflicts of interest disclosed by Egizii Electric.
- 2) The contract pertains to the contract for construction and related services in Cass County.
- 3) Egizii Electric was selected using Competitive Sealed Bidding, Contractor Sub-Contractor Agreement.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Egizii Electric indicates the following:
  - a. Robert Egizii has disclosed that his son, Michael T. Egizii, works at the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, as a pilot. Mr. Egizii performs Pilot duties for the Division of Aeronautics and earns a salary that does not exceed 60% of the Governor's salary. Mr. Egizii did not and still does not have any ability to exert influence in the solicitation for bids process.
- 5) The Illinois Department of Transportation confirmed that none of the disclosed individuals were in a position to influence the award of this contract. The Illinois Department of Transportation and CPO Bill Grunloh indicate that it would be in the best interest of the State to approve this conflict of interest due to the using agency's needs and the value of the contract.

Based on the foregoing, you are requesting my review and comment pursuant to the Illinois Procurement Code.

Review and Comment

After careful review of the documentation provided, I do not view the relationships disclosed above as creating a conflict of interest sufficient to preclude the Illinois Department of Transportation from entering into a contract with Egizii Electric for the services outlined in your letter received May 14, 2013.

Sincerely,



Aaron Carter  
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel



## CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICE

Bill Grunloh, Department of Transportation - Highway Construction

May 14, 2013

Procurement Policy Board  
222 South College Street, Suite 231  
Springfield, IL 62704

RE: Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Egizii Electric, Inc., Division of EEI Holding Corp., Sub-Contractor for a Construction contract (72D75) from the November 19, 2012 IDOT letting

Dear Mr. Carter:

Attached is the potential conflict of interest form for Egizii Electric, Inc. (Egizii), a Division of EEI Holding Corporation, a subcontractor for Contract 72D75 from the Department's November 19, 2012 Letting. The Prime Contractor is Truman L. Flatt & Sons Co, Inc. (Truman). Truman was selected via competitive sealed bidding. The prime contract consists of construction related services in Cass County, and includes: widening, milling, resurfacing and shoulders located on Illinois Route 125 at Ashland. Egizii will be providing electrical related services. This contract is in the Department's interests of managing traffic to ensure the safety and efficient travel of the motoring public.

Robert Egizii has disclosed that his son works at the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, as a Pilot. Michael Egizii does not earn an income in excess of 60% of the Governor's salary nor was he in a position to improperly influence this Contract. This is being disclosed because he works for IDOT, which is asked in Item 1(b) of the Form A Financial Interest Disclosure.

This conflict has been reviewed by our office, and it has been determined that this is not an actual conflict and will not interfere in the execution of these contracts.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Michael Copp of the Bureau of Construction, Prequalification Unit, at 217-782-3413.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Tucka,  
State Purchasing Officer

Enclosures

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST REVIEW  
CHECKLIST

Please ensure that the following documents are included with your request:

- ☒ Cover letter with overview of the potential Conflict of Interest
  - ☒ Conflict of Interest Review Request Form
  - ☒ Copy of Proposed Contract\*
  - ☒ Any Prequalification Information Submitted by the Vendor
  - ☒ Prior Procurement Policy Board/Office of the Governor Conflict of Interest Review Letter for this Vendor
  - ☒ Copy of the Disclosure/Certification Documents Submitted by the Vendor
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\*may be the proposed contract sent in with a RFP response, a copy of the solicitation response, etc.

Please scan original documents\*\* with signatures and email to:

aaron.carter@illinois.gov  
cc: deanna.rossetto@illinois.gov

If you are unable to scan and email the original signed documents, please send to:

Procurement Policy Board  
222 South College Street, Suite 231  
Springfield, IL 62704

\*\*If you scan and email the original documents, please do not send the original documents to our office. Please keep the documents in your procurement file.

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST REVIEW REQUEST FORM

The following information must be filled in as accurately and completely as possible. This form will be sent to the Procurement Policy Board providing essential information needed to review and determine if an actual conflict of interest exists, which is sufficient to preclude the State from entering into the attached proposed contract pursuant to section 50-35(d) of the Illinois Procurement Code.

### CONTRACTING AGENCY INFORMATION

Using Agency: Department of Transportation

Address: 2300 S Dirksen Parkway City/State: Springfield, IL

Contact Person: Michael Copp Title: Prequalification Engineer

Phone: 217-782-3413 Fax: 217-524-4922

Email: michael.copp@illinois.gov

### VENDOR INFORMATION FOR VENDOR WITH POTENTIAL CONFLICT

This Vendor is: ☐ Prime Vendor ☒ Sub-contractor

Name of Vendor: Egizii Electric, a division of EEI Holding

Address: 700 N. MacArthur Blvd City/State: Springfield, IL

Contact Person: Jack Willey Title: Traffic Superintendent

Phone: 217-528-4001 x316 Fax: 217-528-1677

Email: jack@eeiholding.com

Procurement Bulletin Reference Number: Prime K 72D75 Date Posted to Bulletin:

### CONTRACT INFORMATION

Describe the need for this procurement or proposed contract: The prime contract consists of construction related services in Cass County, and includes: widening, milling, resurfacing and shoulders located on Illinois Route 125 at Ashland. Egizii will be providing electrical related services. This contract is in the Department's interests of managing traffic to ensure the safety and efficient travel of the motoring public.

Total Contract Amount (Estimate if actual is unknown): \$ Prime: 648,600.41

Contract Begin Date: Upon authorization to proceed is received. Contract End Date:

Describe any Renewal Options (i.e. One 2-year Option): No renewal options

### PROCUREMENT PROCESS

What was the method of procurement used to select this vendor? Contractor-subcontractor Agreement

If this vendor was selected using a competitive process, how many vendors responded to the bid? NA

Were any vendors disqualified? NA If yes, please explain why.

If a multiple award, how many vendors were awarded a contract? NA

Were there any instances of low vendor rejections? NA If yes, please explain why.

### EXPLANATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

For each individual identified as causing a potential conflict of interest, include the following information: name, relationship (if applicable), Agency of State employment, start date, job title and responsibilities. Indicate if any of the named individuals earn more than \$106,447.20 and explain the potential conflict of interest.

Michael Egizii is a son to Robert Egizii, majority owner of Egizii Electric. Michael is a pilot with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, and has been employed by that agency for approximately 17 years. He has not earned more than \$106,447.20 in any calendar year.

If a prime vendor, did they disclose their use of lobbyists? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, did the lobbyists lobby on behalf of the vendor to secure this contract? ☐ Yes ☐ No

PROVIDE A WRITTEN STATEMENT SIGNED BY THE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE FOR YOUR AGENCY STATING:

1. Is the conflict an actual conflict and whether or not any of the above named individual(s) were in a position to influence the State's award of this contract.

Michael Egizii's responsibilities as pilot does not include reviewing or approving contracts in the Division of Highways, Bureau of Construction. He is not involved in any of the day-to-day business of the Bureau of Construction nor can he interfere with how Truman selects its sub contractors. No actual conflict is involved in awarding this contract renewal.

2. Why is it in the best interest of the State to proceed with this contract.

This is for maintenance of a right of way to ensure the safety of the motoring public.

AGENCY/UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

  
Agency/University Representative Signature

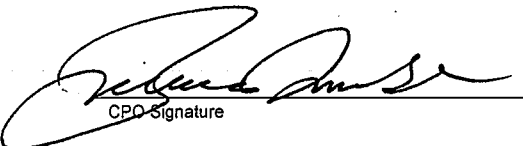
Michael D. Copp  
Agency/University Representative Printed Name

5/14/2013  
Date

217.782.3413  
Agency/University Representative Telephone

michael.copp@illinois.gov  
Agency/University Representative Email Address

CPO SIGNATURE REQUIRED

  
CPO Signature

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